

Remarks

Claims 1-9 were originally filed with this application and remain pending herein without amendment. No new matter has been added by the amendments presented herein.

Reconsideration of the present application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Specification

Applicants have amended paragraph [001] of the Cross-Reference to Related Applications section of the specification to correct an inadvertent typographical error that was unnoticed until the undersigned began preparing the present response. In particular, in line 6 of paragraph [001] the filing date of US application serial number 08/772,944 (now U.S patent 5,888,535) was incorrectly listed as December 24, 1996, when in fact the filing date was December 23, 1996. The above amendment corrects this inadvertent error.

Non-Statutory Double Patenting

In the outstanding Action, claims 1-9 were rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of double patenting over the claims of U.S. Patent No. 5,888,535. In response to this rejection, Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer and fee therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.321(b) and (c). However, if additional fees are required for the filing of the present Terminal Disclaimer, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge those fees to Deposit Account No. 08-1935.

There being no further outstanding issues, Applicants submit that claims 1-9 are now in condition for allowance, and Applicants respectfully request the same. However, if the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the number below.

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